Dabhol Power Project

*440. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of Dabhol Power Company projects; and

(b) the component of Direct Foreign Investment in the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Government of Maharashtra, in february, 2001, had informed the total estimated cost of the 2184 MW Dabhol Power Projects being implemented by Dabhol Power Company (DPC) in two phases, a US $ 2501.2 Million. This was the revised cost after renegotiation of the project during 1995-96. The Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) have now informed that the total estimated cost of the project is around US $ 2947 million.

(b) As per the approval for foreign collaboration given by the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), the foreign equity holding in Phase-I of the Dabhol power projects is US $ 434.2 million in Phase-II US $ 685.7 million.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New pay scales of officials working in subsidiaries of CIL

†3200. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new pay scales for officials working in various subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. have been approved since 1st January, 1997;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the officials are getting new pay scales from October, 2000;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that till date no arrear has been paid to them for the period for 1st January, 1997 to September, 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, all the arrears would be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The loss making subsidiaries of Coal India Limited are not in a position to discharge the liability.

(e) The payment of arrear to the employees who have separated from service or will separate till 31.03.2002 is being arranged. For other employees, the issue is being discussed with the Trade Unions.

Direction to MCL to adopt a uniform fuel supply agreement for all its consumers

3201. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached the Union Government to direct Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. to adopt a uniform Fuel Supply Agreement for all its consumers including Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Company;

(b) if so, the details of the uniform Fuel Supply Agreement submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) the action/decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, when it is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had recently addressed a letter to Ministry of Coal to direct Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) to adopt a uniform Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) for all its consumers, specifically dealing with determination of grade of coal on rake to rake basis, non-payment for ungraded coals, and formula for price determination and escalation.

(c) and (d) MCL has adopted separate model FSAs for different consuming sectors. The FSA between MCL and Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) is in advance stage of negotiations and most of the outstanding issues have been sorted in bilateral meetings. A suitable reply has been sent by the Ministry of Coal to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on various related issues.